



1st Fighter Association Quarterly Update

1st Qtr 2020 - 26 January

Fellow Association members, I appreciate your patience with my lack of timely updates. Unfortunately, I lost my Dad on 30 September and then my Mom passed on 2 December. So I've been focused on family matters. I intend to be better at sending quarterly updates going forward.

Reunion 17-19 October:

We had a record turnout for our bi-annual reunion in Hampton. Over 65 attendees enjoyed lots of camaraderie during social events and at the hotel's hospitality suite; received informative, timely briefings; saw an F-22 static display; and spent quality time with many amazing 1FW Airmen. We concluded the reunion with a wonderful dinner highlighted by Goldy Goldenbaum sharing his incredible 75th D-Day Anniversary adventures. We elected our 2019-2021 officers:

President	Rich Shook (Incumbent)
Vice President	Jeff Leeper (Incumbent)
Secretary Treasurer	Steve Gress (Incumbent)
President Emeritus	Pete Marty (Incumbent)
27 th Association President	Steve Olds (Incumbent)
71 st Association President	Rod Zastrow (New)
94 th Association President	Bill Roberts (New)

Upcoming Events

The 1st FW Annual Awards Banquet will be held 7 Feb at the Historic Post Office in downtown Hampton. We purchased and will award five stained-glass plaques to the annual "Expeditionary" category winners. I will represent the Association and present our unique plaques. Also, Buick Olds is working on logistics for off-year reunion 17-20 Sep in Las Vegas - 27th hosting.

1FW Customized SwissPL Watch Opportunity

I've been contacted by Alldron Knewitz, Owner/Designer of the SwissPL Watch Company to gauge our interest in ordering a personalized version of his watch. **Each 1FW-branded watch is tailored to the owner featuring their name with rank and callsign, squadron patch, flight hours, wings, deployments, etc.** He will give the Association a 25% commission on each watch sold. So I guess this offer could also be viewed as an Association fundraiser.

The "base model" is about \$1000. Your final cost depends on which of several options (self-wind, back casing personalization, etc.) you desire.

Here is a link to his proposed design for our group and any active 1FW members:

<https://swisspl.com/customization/usaf-1st-fighter-wing/>

Since not every member is a former pilot, I'm checking with him to see if options exist for other badges (like maintenance) or an F-15C silhouette/picture in lieu the pilot wings.

**** Please call/email me if you are interested in ordering one of these customized watches.****

Our History - WWII article on a former Ironman: <https://www.dpaa.mil/News-Stories/News-Releases/PressReleaseArticleView/Article/2039746/pilot-accounted-for-from-world-war-ii-twedt-l/>

Best regards,

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